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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The treaty of alliance published February 3 provides that if Russia attacks either Germany or Austria they are to assist each other with their entire military force and only to make peace on terms acceptable to both; whereas if any other Power takes the aggressive against either, the allied Power is to remain neutral unless Russia joins in the hostilities. This diplomatic arrangement virtually included equality of armaments so that when Germany increased its reserves Austria was compelled to strengthen its armaments. An Army bill involving largely increased expenditures, raising the age of conscription and fixing the term of service at ten years, passed the Reichstag in December, in the face of considerable opposition to the Government's diplomatic policy. Count Tisza has continued to conduct the coalition Government with various Governments. With a view to embarrassing the Italian Premier, he had relations so cultivated with Russia and France that Powers outside the Continental Coalition. A dissension was shown by the Pope to make concessions to the Czar's Government in episcopal appointments and to the sanction of limited introduction of the Russian language in religious services. While France and the Vatican relations have been so friendly as to excite the resentment of the Italian Premier. The German Emperor's visit to Leo XIII was beset with diplomatic difficulties and productive of more harm than good. Monsignor Persico's mission to Ireland led to the condemnation of the Plan of Campaign and brought him into the hands of the English Government. This intervention has excited prejudice in Ireland since the Vatican has been placed in the attitude of co-operating with the British Government. Monsignor Persico is now completing his report to the Pope, and it is currently believed in Rome will endeavor to conciliate popular favor in the island by a declaration that either state or government in religious affairs and diplomacy is unquestioned. With twenty or more Parliaments in existence every question commanding importance is referred to and decided by him, and when races and kingdoms cannot agree he takes his own course and is inflexible.

RUSSIA.

Russia's credit has improved in Holland and France, where two loans were taken by financial syndicates, one in the spring and the other in the autumn. The second was a loan of \$100,000,000 at 3% on payment of 4 per cent. French investors took it greedily, and the nation derived satisfaction from the reflection that Prince Bismarck, with all his diplomatic expedients, could not break up a financial alliance which might lead in due time to a coalition of armaments. The Czar's prestige in Southeastern Europe has continued to decline, but in Central Asia his ascendancy is unshaken. He has pushed his frontier to the Caspian Railways to the borders of Persia, Afghanistan and even China has opened the way for an imperial project of vast magnitude for the Pacific, for which preliminary surveys have been ordered. The diplomatic activity of Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, Terence, the exiled King of Abyssinia, and involved Persian aggressions at the close of the year. Several plots against the Czar's life were vaguely reported in the spring; and on October 29, while returning to Moscow from a triumphal progress in the Caucasus he and his family narrowly escaped death by a railway accident, for which nihilist conspirators were eventually held responsible, although the Minister of the Interior was immediately dismissed from office.

ITALY.

Italy, drawn into a powerful alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary, has steadily increased its military and naval armaments and assumed an attitude of provocation toward France. Unlike his predecessor, Depretis, who was most conciliatory in his negotiations with Paris, Premier Crispi is always aggressive and sometimes insulting in his dealings with the Republic. Not satisfied with retaliating vigorously for French duties on Italian products, he has charged M. Goblet with favoring the restoration of the Pope's temporal sovereignty and with creating embarrassments in Abyssinia and Tripoli, and has availed himself of the opportunity offered by the negotiation of the Suez Canal Convention for instigating the Sultan to repudiate the French Protectorate in Tunis. Equally uncompromising has been the Premier's relations with the Vatican. He began the year with dismissing from office the Sydne of Rome, the Duke of Torlonia, for paying homage to the Pope at the Jubilee, and has continued in the same spirit to widen the breach between Church and State. Massowah has proved a most unprofitable colonial enterprise, but National pride interdicts a retreat. The King of Abyssinia menaced the Italian positions outside the town in the spring, but ending them to be well fortified, withdrew his forces to the mountains. In August, 700 Bashas, with Italian soldiers, were defeated by the Abyssinians at Sagametti.

THE BALKAN STATES.

A spirit of unrest prevails in the Balkan. A struggle arose in Rumania early in the year over the retention of Premier Bratiano, Austria's partisan. The election resulted in his favor, but Russian influence was so strongly exerted against him that Prince Bismarck personally requested him to remain in office. During March the Sultan, in compliance with pressure from Russia and Germany, informed the Bulgarian Government that the presence of Prince Ferdinand at the head of the State was a breach of the Treaty of Berlin. As the demand was not enforced, and evidently was made with reluctance, nothing was accomplished. Prince Ferdinand paid tribute regularly to Abdul Hamid as Sultana and was allowed to retain control of the Principality. In May, the Bulgarian Government deposed and banished the Prince, Monsignor Clement, a powerful Russian intriguer, and in June Prince Ferdinand was victorious in a constitutional struggle.

King Milan, having exiled Queen Natalie, who had openly sympathized with Russian cabals against him, applied to the Consistory of Servia for a divorce on the ground of irreconcilable of temper, and procured assistance from Prince Ferdinand. The Queen was ordered to leave German territory in June. When her reply to the application for divorce was received the King asked for the services of the Archbishops of Belgrade and renewed his petition, which was granted in October. This Royal scandal, coupled with the Metropolitan's assumption of ecclesiastical supremacy, undermined the King's influence, and he was forced to make a bold bid for popular approval. He proposed a new Constitution, reserving for himself the right of veto, and recalling into existence a popular chamber elected by all direct taxpayers. The Skupstina proved unmanageable when the elections had been held, the Radicals having gained control of it and being disposed to accept the Royal Constitution. Queen Natalie was received with high honors in Russia, and soon after her return to Servia as Regent, unless the admiral Kralj can contrive to conciliate the Radicals, whom he has armed with power.

Macedonia, being coveted alike by Bulgaria and Greece, is honeycombed with intrigues and conspiracy. The betrothal of the Duke of Sparta to a sister of the King of Servia quickened the ambition of the Maritime Kingdoms, and no doubt that it will have powerful supports in Berlin. The future of Macedonia is more likely to depend solely upon the possibility of a Russian-Austrian compact of partition of the Sultan's European possessions. The opening of direct rail-way communications between Constantinople and Paris is the most reassuring event of the year in the Balkan.

MINOR STATES.

In Spain, where the King is a prattling child in the nursery, the Regency is a stronger and more popular Government than it promised to become. Premier Sagasta has introduced some tentative reforms, such as trial by jury, and has proposed an extension of the suffrage to all male adults of the age of twenty-five. These measures have alarmed Ministers, who forecast as the result of less restricted suffrage a diminution of Government influence in elections. Several resignations involved the necessity of reorganizing the Cabinet in December. Portugal continues an inert power in Europe, but succeeds in multiplying obstacles for the suppression of the slave trade in Africa. There have been new Cabotines formed in Sweden and the Netherlands, but Belgium remains under the sway of Reactionary Ministers.

In Brazil changes in the Ministry have been followed by legislation for completing the abolition of slavery. This act, which like previous emanicipation measures, may prove somewhat illusory in its results, was proposed by the Regent on May 13, amid much popular rejoicing. The South American States have been singularly affected by revolutionary outbreaks. Good relations between Chile and Peru have been re-established. Ecuador, under its new President, General Flores, masking a strong rebellion, has been harassed by a boundary dispute with Gran Bretaña; a similar quarrel between Costa Rica and Nicaragua has been settled by the arbitration of President Cleveland. Mexico is more firmly and satisfactorily

governed than it has been for many years. Hayti, like Samoa, is rent with civil war.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Pope Leo XIII celebrated on the first day of the year the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The ceremonial at St. Peter's were of unworded splendor, and congratulations and presents were received from every portion of the Catholic world. Immediately after the Jubilee he reasserted in the most emphatic manner the Papal claim to independent sovereignty, and the Vatican subsequently entered into active negotiations with various Governments. With a view to embarrassing the Italian Premier, he had relations so cultivated with Russia and France that Powers outside the Continental Coalition. A dispensation was shown by the Pope to make concessions to the Czar's Government in episcopal appointments and to the sanction of limited introduction of the Russian language in religious services. While France and the Vatican relations have been so friendly as to excite the resentment of the Italian Premier. The German Emperor's visit to Leo XIII was beset with diplomatic difficulties and productive of more harm than good. Monsignor Persico's mission to Ireland led to the condemnation of the Plan of Campaign and brought him into the hands of the British Government. This intervention has excited prejudice in Ireland since the Vatican has been placed in the attitude of co-operating with the British Government. Monsignor Persico is now completing his report to the Pope, and it is currently believed in Rome will endeavor to conciliate popular favor in the island by a declaration that either state or government in religious affairs and diplomacy is unquestioned. With twenty or more Parliaments in existence every question commanding importance is referred to and decided by him, and when races and kingdoms cannot agree he takes his own course and is inflexible.

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